

REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 27, 2009, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing the structure of claim 22.

A new drawing sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) is attached with FIGs. 16 and 17 showing the structure of claim 22. The specification has been amended to briefly describe the new FIGs. and to reference the new FIGs. No new matter has been added.

The drawings were also objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference numeral 40 not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended to include reference numeral 40.

The drawings and specification were objected to in that lines IV-IV, VI-VI and VIII-VIII were mentioned in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, but were not included in FIGs. 3, 5 and 7 respectively. Replacement sheets 3-5 have been provided which incorporate the labeling for lines IV-IV, VI-VI and VIII-VIII.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 20, 21, 23-31, 33, 35 and 37-39 have been allowed. However, the Examiner recommended that the terms “rotatable” and “rotary” used interchangeably in the claims be changed so that only one of these identical in meaning terms be used, for consistency. Applicants have made the appropriate changes to the claims without affecting the scope of the claims.

Claims 32, 34 and 36 were objected to for informalities relating to the use of plural terms rather than singular terms, or a type in claim 34, for clarity sake. Applicant has made the appropriate corrections.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph apparently in that the disclosure and drawings did not depict the arrangement where only one discharge slot edge comprises a closing slide and the other discharge slot edge comprises a portion of the housing.

Applicants have added FIGs. 16 and 17 which show the structure claimed in claim 22, fully supporting the claim. The specification has also been amended to refer to these new FIGs. Applicants request that the Examiner indicate that claim 22 is now in compliance with Section 112 and is also allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all of the points raised by the Examiner have been addressed and that all of the claims are now in allowable condition. Applicants request that the Examiner pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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